32. Shukla Tirath
33. Vadgam
34. Chitra vad
35. Alindra
36. Jesawada
37. Randhikapur
38. Dhanipur
39. Otha

Newspaper Industry

684. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Times of India dated the 30th January, 1986 wherein it has been reported that the Newspaper Industry has been facing grave crisis due to increase in the price of inputs like newsprint, ink and machinery; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take to save this Industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Specific proposals if received would be considered on merits.

Vacancies in High Courts

685. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of vacancies in the different High Courts of the country at the beginning of 1985;

(b) the total number of vacancies lying unfilled till January, 1986; and

(c) by what time the vacancies are likely to be filled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) As on 1-1-1985, there were 54 vacancies of Judges in different High Courts of the country.

(b) As on 31-1-1986, there were 60 vacancies of Judges in different High Courts of the country.

(c) The matter regarding filling up the existing vacancies of Judges is engaging the attention of the Government in consultation with the concerned Constitutional authorities. It is not possible to indicate the time by which the vacancies will be filled.

Repacement of Under Ground Telephone Cables

686. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cities and towns, where the underground cables of telephones have been replaced so far; and

(b) the details of the modern methods employed in the maintenance of telephones and telegraph system in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) In 50 towns/cities cables had been replaced. Replacement of under ground cables is a continuous operation and maintenance process in all the cities/towns having underground network.

(b) Modern methods employed in the maintenance of telephones are use of jelly filled cables, pressurisation of cables, lying of under ground cables inducts, digital fault locator, computerisation, replacement of old exchanges with SPC digital type electronic and analogue exchanges.